

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

INTERESTING EXERCISES MONDAY NIGHT.

There was a representative audience present last Monday night in 19th Street Baptist Church. The occasion was a meeting commemorative of the death of Abraham Lincoln. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robert F. Lewis, who is one of the most gifted young orators in this city. Mr. Lewis, after he called the meeting to order, asked that Rev. Walter H. Brook invoke divine blessing. It was a most eloquent prayer. The choir then rendered several musical selections, followed by Mrs. Blackburn, who rendered very sweetly a vocal solo. She is one of the sweetest singers in the city.

President Lewis then made a few opening remarks as follows, which were received with great enthusiasm:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—The waves dashed high; the thunders echoed far;

The lightning flashed into the dismal gloom,

The bolts by Vulcan forged in nature's womb.

And earth was shaken by the furious war!

The ship of state was strained in every spar!

And strong men felt that now had come their doom;

And weak men scanned the dark heavens for a star.

On, on the field of battle march the black man,

Two hundred thousand strong,

Though shot and shell flew thick and fast,

With sabre at his side and musket in his hand,

To save them from a fratricidal tomb.

But one amid the strife, collected, calm, Patient and resolute, was firm, and trod

The deck defiant of the angry storm,

Guiding the ship like to some ancient god!

And high upon the scroll of endless fame

In diamond letters flashes Lincoln's name.

I take great pleasure in introducing to you a man who knows no fear and one who will speak of Lincoln as he was.

Mr. Chase stepped forward and was loudly applauded. He said among other things that forty-two years ago, April 14, the bullet of an assassin silenced the tongue and laid low the world's greatest benefactor, philanthropist and humanitarian. It was the year in which the most bloody and inhuman conflict had come to a close and four million of human beings and wards of the nation were about to realize the fruits of freedom and an independence which were consummated by a blood conflict. It was the realization of a hope that brought happiness and peace to the heart and mind of a grateful nation. It was the year, my friends, this nation and this republic had ended a conflict that had emancipated the slaves or wards of the nation. Abraham Lincoln believed in the Constitution of the United States and the enforcement of that instrument. He believed in a government of, by and for the people. While many demanded that he should save the Union with slavery, he was thoroughly convinced that it could not be done, because the abolitionists of the North demanded the freedom of the slaves, hence existing conditions forced him to issue and sign the Emancipation Proclamation. He soon found out what the trend of public sentiment was. He was convinced that this could not longer exist as a republic with one-half slaves and one-half free men. Either slavery or the sacrifice of the Union—this was the time, this was the hour that he became the emancipator of the Negroes.

Mr. Chase read the acts of the 30th Congress, in which Mr. Lincoln took an active part. He read the opinion that the late Frederick Douglass gave of Mr. Lincoln, which was listened to with the greatest attention. He showed that Mr. Lincoln always believed in emancipation of the Negro and to give him the ballot. He quoted many of Mr. Lincoln's sayings on the Negro which were very interesting. At the conclusion of his address he was loudly applauded.

He was followed by Recorder of Deeds J. C. Dancy. Mr. Dancy made a most eloquent speech. He cited many instances of importance in the life of Lincoln. He was loudly applauded throughout the delivery of his address.

Judge E. M. Hewlett was the next speaker. Mr. Hewlett reviewed the life of Lincoln. He compared him with President Roosevelt, to the extent that Lincoln didn't believe in retaliatory measures without proof. Lincoln, he said, did not accept the suggestions of the late Frederick Douglass when Mr. Douglass wanted Mr. Lincoln to retaliate when the colored soldiers were shot

down and not regarded soldiers of war. Mr. Lincoln could not punish the innocent without proof. You can see the difference of the two men, Lincoln and Roosevelt. He named several black heroes who had shed blood to uphold this republic. He concluded by offering the following resolutions, which were adopted by the vast audience present by a standing vote:

Whereas, The Hon. Joseph B. Foraker has always been the champion of justice and fair play towards all citizens, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

And whereas, he has all along insisted that the gallant soldiers of Companies B, C and D of the 25th Infantry were entitled to a hearing before being discharged, as by order of the President,

And whereas, by his persistent demand for the same a committee of the Senate was appointed to investigate the shooting up of Brownsville, and through the masterly conduct of the investigation by Senator Foraker it has been clearly shown that no soldier of the said companies fired a shot or has any knowledge of who did, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the colored citizens of Washington, D. C., in mass meeting assembled, congratulate the Hon. J. B. Foraker for his manly stand, and able conduct of the case, and call upon the colored citizens of the country to give him their united support whenever the occasion presents itself.

It as a great meeting and at the conclusion of the reading of above resolutions endorsing Senator Foraker, ladies waved their handkerchiefs and men shouted. It was a scene long to be remembered.

THE TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Some weeks ago a number of members from Shiloh Baptist Church, of which Rev. J. A. Taylor was formerly pastor, asked for and received their letters. On last Wednesday night, April 10, several of the leading colored Baptist ministers, namely, Dr. Norman of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Dr. Bishop Johnson of the Second Baptist Church, Dr. Loving of the Enon Baptist Church, and Rev. A. Sales of Providence Baptist Church, met by request and organized them into an independent Missionary Baptist Church entitled Trinity, and so reported to the Baptist Ministers' Conference Monday, April 15. The report was received and adopted by the entire body.

The new church called Rev. J. A. Taylor as their pastor, elected their officers and commenced its career with bright prospects of future success.

The new organization will hold their services at the True Reformers' Hall until the first Sunday in May when they will enter their new quarters in Church street.

The church officers are as follows: Deacons, Israel Cook, chairman; Jefferson Minor, Arthur Lewis, Benjamin Green, Wm. Curtis, Charles Jones, Wm. H. Reed. Trustees, Rufus Delany, Willis Jones, Wm. Diggs, R. F. Hughes, W. H. Jones; Treasurer, Wm. H. Rose; Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Shelton.

About fifty additional members who left Shiloh Church with Dr. Taylor went to Shiloh Church last evening and asked for their letters of withdrawal. When the list is complete it will reach to about 250 or 300. The recognition council will be held in the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church Wednesday, May 1, at 1 o'clock, at which time the leading Baptist ministers in the city will be present.

TEACHERS' FOURTH SESSION.

The National Association of Negro teachers will hold its Fourth Annual Session at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., July 17, 18, 19. This will be the same week of the Hampton Conference. The present indications are that this will be the largest gathering of Negro teachers ever had in the United States.

It is very evident that the Negro teachers of the country have fully decided and have succeeded in permanently organizing into a National Association. There is no doubt that great good will come of this Annual Conference of Negro teachers.

The management will take advantage of the very low railroad rates prevailing at that time to the Jamestown Exposition.

President J. R. E. Lee of Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and the corresponding secretary, Jas. B. Dudley, of Greensboro, N. C., are anxious to correspond with teachers throughout the country concerning the Hampton meeting.

It has leaked out that Uncle Joe Cannon and his party of Congressional sight-seers to the Isthmus of Panama were snubbed slightly and almost insulted by canal officials. Had they let Admiral Walker, U. S. N., alone, the Isthmus would now be completed.

Read The Bee.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

"A short interview at the White House," drawn by E. W. Kemble in last week's Colliers' Weekly, gives the President a very "impressive" appearance.

According to the estimation of the Census Bureau, the continental Union consists of 83,941,510 persons, and the entire population, 131,822,200. These figures may not reach the exact number of American citizens.

The Surrey Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F.,

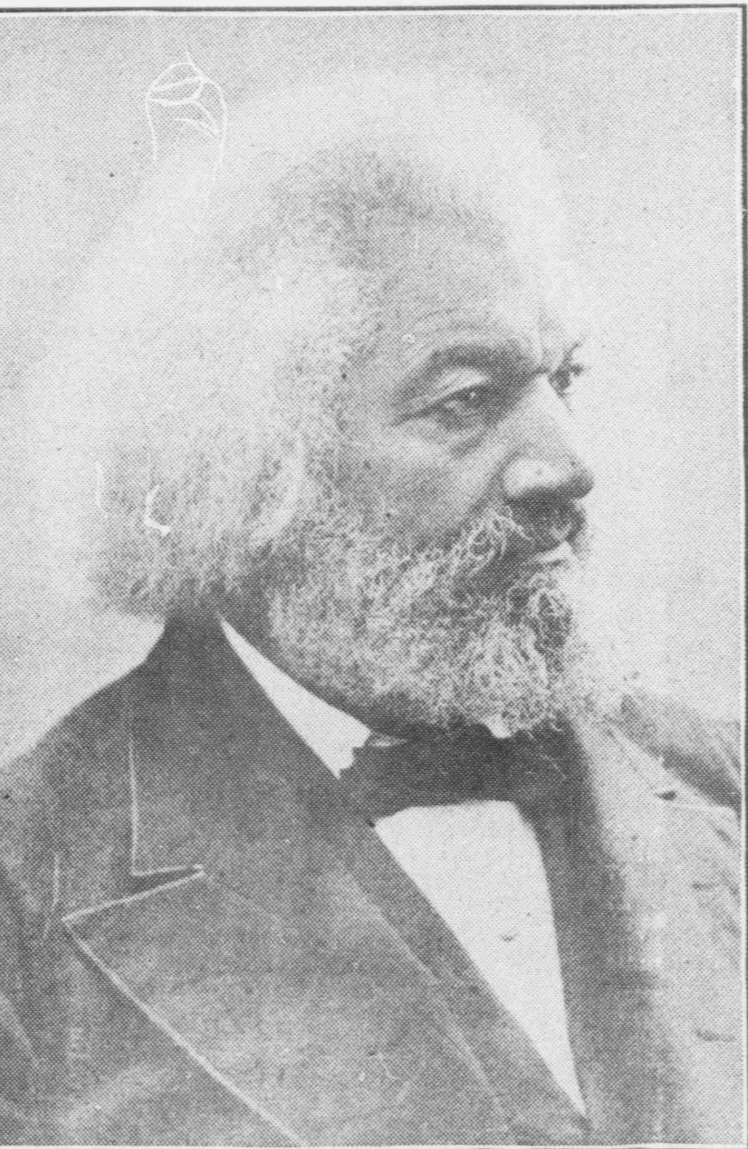
OPEN LETTER

To Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

Sir:—You have been able to find one colored man in the State of Ohio who is willing to serve your selfish desires. You are of the opinion, no doubt, that the appointment of Ralph W. Taylor of Columbus, Ohio, as auditor of the Navy Department will satisfy the discharge of the colored companies. I want to inform you, so that you will not labor under a delusion, that the appointment of one million colored men to office



LINCOLN AND EMANCIPATION.
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, THE LIBERATOR AND HUMANITARIAN.



FREDERICK DOUGLASS, THE AGITATOR AND ORATOR.

Jamaica, B. W. I., sends greeting to their brother Odd Fellows of the United States and appeals for assistance.

Mr. Arthur Wimberly, who studied law at Howard University, but was forced to leave by the illness of his father a few weeks prior to graduating, has applied for admission to practice law in Indiana and if admitted, says the Interview, may live in Richmond, Ind.

Peruna is having its time before a New York jury, and there seems to be some doubt as to whether it is a "medicine or plain booze."

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for them to assert their independence. I have ascertained the sentiment of the colored voters and they denounce this appointment as having no political effect on the colored voters of this country. This is not the way to convince the colored Americans that you are their friend. That time has passed, Mr. President. When such a man as John Temple Graves of Georgia nominates you for the Presidency, I think that the time has surely arrived for the devil to hold weekly prayer meetings and invite to him of "The Clansman" forward to repentance. Now, don't you think so? Three companies of colored soldiers discharged in disgrace and without honor and one Ohio Negro appointed to second-class auditorship. Who ever heard of such a thing? You are wasting time, Mr. President, as well as rebuking the patience of eleven millions of loyal colored Americans. Should you succeed in naming Mr. Taft, your secretary of war, the colored voters of the country will not vote for him. I beg leave to call your attention to an editorial from the Seattle, Washington, Republican, the organ of the party in the State:

"If Secretary Taft wins the Ohio supremacy contest and is nominated for the Presidency, and if Bryan is nominated by the Democrats, demagogue though he is, fully ninety per cent of the Negro voters of the North will vote for Bryan."

You can readily see, Mr. President, the way the colored voters of the North East and West are thinking. You want to show to the colored voters that you are not prejudiced. If you are not against the colored voters why do you allow so much discrimination to exist in your Executive departments? Why do you permit the head of your Commerce department to ignore the claims of worthy colored applicants? Do you know that the Jews are now being appointed in that department by the wholesale? I am not finding fault with the Jews, because they have been treated as badly as the Negro, but I do say that the Jewish vote in this country is not as large as the colored vote, and the latter has received less consideration. You would say that the colored man could not be trusted if he deserted Senator Foraker at this time, would you not? If you have no color prejudice why didn't you appoint Mr. Ralph W. Taylor to the Surveyorship at Cleveland? Why did you listen to the protest of your son-in-law, little Nick Longworth? Just wait until he is nominated again for Congress. It was rumored that Senator Dick would desert Senator Foraker, but all doubts have been set at rest. Senator Dick is a man in whom the Republicans of Ohio have some faith, as well as they have in Senator Foraker. Does Mr. Taft remember his North Carolina speech? I thought it best, Mr. President, to let you know how the colored vote stood so that you would make no more blunders. Don't have such a small opinion of the colored man, Mr. President. Don't come to the conclusion that he is so easily bribed with offices. Don't for a moment believe that he is going to desert Senator Foraker. Not by any means. He is today a great American who loves his country and is supporting the constitution. He doesn't intend to violate any laws. He is going to do what is right and proper. He is watching the signs of the times and to tell you in plain English that he doesn't intend to support you or any man you nominate. He has received from you nothing and he expects nothing. When your war secretary returns to Ohio you will see that he will get cold comfort. By the way, I understand that you intend to send forth your officeholders to make a few speeches for you. Now, if you don't want their feelings insulted, don't send them out, because you will cause a riot.

With my best wishes believe me to be Sincerely yours,

THE EDITOR.

LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS.

When Frederick Douglass called at the Executive Mansion to see Mr. Lincoln he submitted four propositions to him:

First—You must give colored soldiers the same pay that you give white soldiers.

Second—You must compel the Confederate States to treat colored soldiers who are captured, as prisoners of war.

Third—When any colored man or soldier performs brave, meritorious exploits in the field, you must enable me to say to them that they will be promoted for such service precisely as white men promoted for similar service.

Fourth—In case any colored soldiers are murdered in cold blood and taken prisoners, you should retaliate in kind.

A Pure Milk Commission has been organized in the District of Columbia with the Commissioners interested.

What I Saw And Heard

There are some people in this world who imagine that they know everything and cannot be taught anything. It is always well to listen to those who are able to give you advice.

I have heard nothing about the lily whites for some time. It is too amusing to see people so foolish.

I do wish that Dr. Chancellor would thoroughly investigate Normal School No. 2 and its methods. It seems to me that something should be done to stop the complaints that are being made daily against that school. Every year some one is charged with favoritism.

I am glad to see so much enthusiasm manifested in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association. I firmly believe that the association will be successful in raising the necessary funds to meet the gift of Mr. John Rockefeller.

There is not much interest manifested in the Jamestown Exposition. Mrs. Curtis threatens to resign because there seems to be a great deal of discrimination. The government will place at the head of the colored exposition the necessary officers to protect its interest.

I understand that Col. Giles B. Jackson has nothing to do with the Exposition. Thomas J. Calloway has been placed in charge and will no doubt have more to say than any other individual. Mr. E. E. Cooper has been placed in another temporary position. I have never been able to learn why he was suspended or furloughed from the Census Office.

I am in favor of investigating certain preachers in the city and see if they are morally fit to occupy the pulpit. A man who is always singing hymns and having his hands crossed over his heart is more or less a pious hypocrite. You can always tell a hypocrite. He will never do things in the open. He will more or less go behind the screen. Such men are dangerous to the community. Before the enemies of Dr. W. Bruce Evans are through they will be in the soup. The people are circulating a petition requesting the judges to make changes in the personnel of the colored members of the Board of Education.

I am delighted to know that the teachers are pleased with the lectures of Dr. Chancellor.

FAIRPLAY.

IS IT A CONSPIRACY?

Slowly but surely the web of conspiracy is being woven around the necks of some people who have conspired to ruin the character and reputation of certain teachers in the Armstrong Manual Training School. It is quite evident that there is a certain clique that has no influence with the schools and are personally opposed to the principal of the Armstrong Manual Training School. The whole conspiracy will be exposed in a few days. The Board of Education has been thoroughly convinced that the principal is a victim of prejudice. So far as Dr. Evans being lily white, he has less prejudice against dark-skinned teachers than those who have circulated this malicious lie. His best teachers in the Armstrong Manual Training School are very dark but very talented and well qualified. The Bee is in possession of certain facts that will warrant an investigation of certain individuals who are passing as great moralists and reformers. The Bee is of the opinion that these individuals are walking upon very thin ice.

WILL IT BE SEPARATED?

There has been another lunch room established in the City Hall. It is claimed that conditions are worse now than before. There will be separate rooms for colored and white lawyers. Just how many modern colored statesmen will patronize this new management will remain to be seen. The colored members of the bar sent a protest to the marshal a few days ago, but as yet he has not answered. A committee of the colored bar association will file its protest with the Attorney General, under whose supervision the marshal's office comes. The colored clerks in the Recorder's office and the several departments of the general government who have heretofore patronized this lunch room will desert now. If such discrimination obtains in the City Hall, the temple of justice, it will obtain in every department of the government.

Vice-President Fairbanks has crossed the hot sands in the Oasis of Indianapolis. After he completed the pulling on the rope he was presented with a diamond pin with the shrine emblem, etc.

John D. Rockefeller has at last secured the farm owned by Wm. Everson, colored, located near the village of Hawthorne in Tarrytown, Winchester Co., N. Y. For years Mr. Rockefeller has been after this property. Our friend Everson secured \$5,000 for his hold out.